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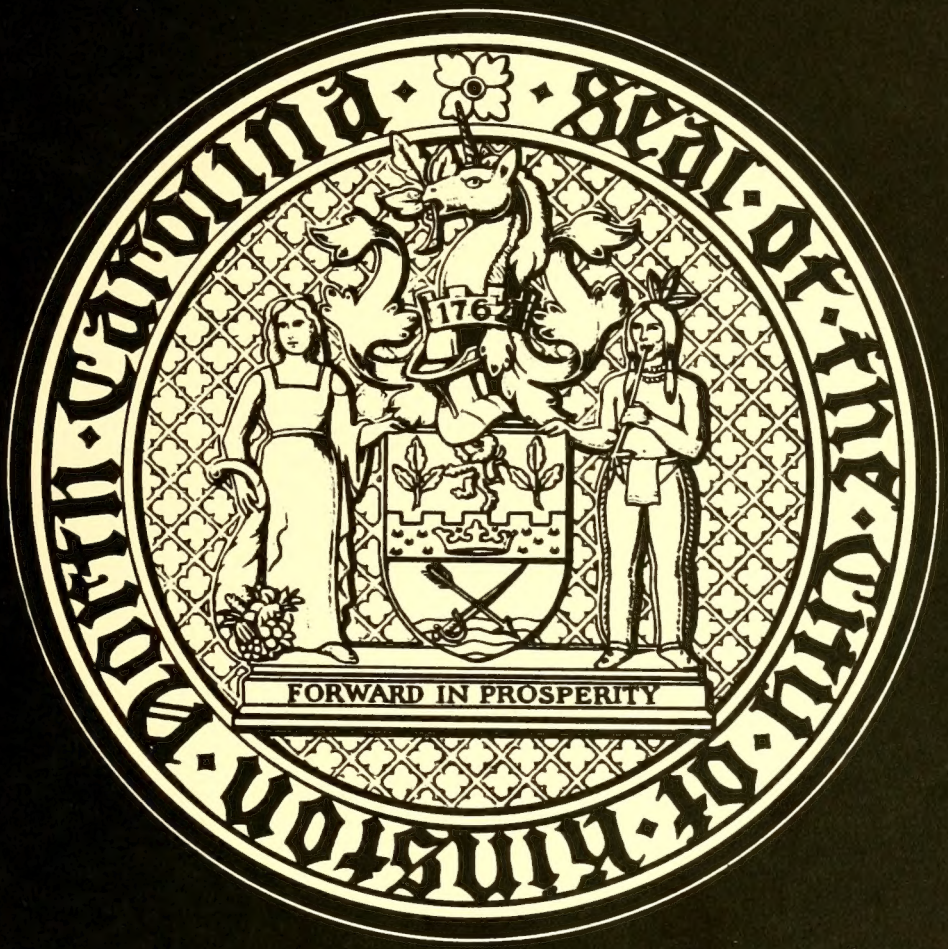

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Cover

The Seal on the cover is the Seal of the City of Kinston which will be officially adopted by the City during 1962 as part of the celebration of the 200th Birthday of the City.

Within the circle of the Seal is the Armorial Bearings or Arms of Kinston, sometimes called Coat of Arms. Armorial Bearings or Arms may be defined as a picture using symbolical and pictorial language in which figures, devices and colors are employed instead of letters to convey a message through direct connection with some particular individual, place or historical event. These Arms become the true, legal possession of the individual or place to which it was issued.

For the first time in its five hundred years of existence, the College of Arms in London, England, or the College of Heraldry as it is sometimes called, has devised for and issued to a town in the United States of America such Armorial Bearings or Arms as may be suitable to be borne by them. That town was Kinston, North Carolina.

The Armorial Bearings or Arms has as its center the traditional shield which is divided horizontally into three parts, its center being an embattled ermine fesse or band with a white background. In the center of this white band is an ancient three pointed gold crown. The ermine and the crown allude to Kinston's original name of Kingston. The embattlement of this fesse shows the civic and residential character of the City. In the upper band of the shield, on a red background, is centered a gold lion rampart, signifying courage and fortitude, between two sprigs of golden tobacco, which refer to Kinston's principal industry. In the lower third, on a gold background, is a sword and an arrow in red, and which are in saltire or crossed, reminiscent of the Tuscarora War. The blue and white "wavy barry" at the base point symbolizes the River Neuse upon which the town is situated.

On the traditional helmet and black and gold mantling is the crest, consisting of Governor Dobb's black unicorn's head (there were three of these black unicorns in the Royal Governor's Arms) holding a golden sprig of tobacco in its mouth. This black unicorn issues from a mural crown symbolic of township and civic estate and is charged with the important date, 1762, in gold. The date, 1762, is the year that the original Town of Kingston was established by an act of the Colonial Assembly and signed by the Royal Governor, Arthur Dobbs. The town was named in honor of King George III. Supporting this mural crown and resting on top of the shield is a black helm or helmet in profile with visor closed signifying that the civic estate is of esquires or gentlemen.

On either side of the shield are the traditional supporters. On the dexter, or right, is a female figure properly dressed in a silver gown with a blue cape holding a cornucopia, representing prosperity. This figure also appears on the Seal of the State of North Carolina. On the sinister, or left, is an American Indian, properly habited, a brave of the Neuse tribe smoking a "pipe of peace," expressive of the relationship between the English settlers and the local Indian tribe.

On the base is the motto "Forward in Prosperity" which is hoped expresses the future.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Public Improvements Program is to present a staging in logical sequence of the public improvements needed during the Planning Period extending to 1980. These improvements, which include such facilities as schools, fire stations, parks and utilities, were proposed and detailed in the Community Facilities Plan.

In this report each improvement is listed according to the anticipated year it will be needed based upon trends in City growth and development. Priorities are not suggested within the year group. Improvements which involve both purchase of land and development of facilities are listed as separate items because of the necessity of purchasing the site in advance of providing improvements. Some improvements are divided into several stages. This is either because the entire improvement is not needed at once or because of the necessity of financing it over a period longer than a year. For the first six years of the Program, cost estimates are provided and financing methods suggested. Space is provided for the future insertion of financial data for the remaining improvements.

Financing the proposed improvements is largely a public responsibility to be administered through various agencies of the City and County governments. However, in some cases of utility extensions, financing is a joint Public-private responsibility.

Suggested methods of financing the Public's share of the cost of the proposed improvements are through current revenue, Recreation Bonds, and Sanitary Sewerage System Bonds. In addition, financing the proposed sewage treatment plant and related facilities, which will require an extensive capital outlay, will probably necessitate Federal aid.

The financing method most often suggested in this report is current revenue. Current revenue in this instance reflects not only the current operating budget but also any reserves on hand whether accumulated from taxes levied for special projects or from reserves accumulated over a period through savings in the operating budget. Whenever possible, the current revenue method of financing is recommended because it is generally more acceptable to the Public than Bonds and because it is usually more economical. However, when the cost of a project or series of projects is too great for current revenue, Bonds are recommended as a means of financing.

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1962

	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
1.	Construct Negro Senior High School	$820,000.00	Current Revenue - County
2.	Purchase Playground Site in New-Growth Area in Northwest	35,000.00	Current Revenue - City
3.	Extend 8" Water Main from Terminus on Jones Road to Vicinity of Westhaven	3,292.00	No Public Financial Participation
4.	Pipe Diversion of 120 Acres of Drainage from Perry Ditch-Catfish Branch to Adkin Branch	42,234.00	Current Revenue - City
5.	Purchase Site for Sewage Treatment Plant	27,000.00	Current Revenue - City
6.	Purchase Right-Of-Way for Sewage Outfall Interceptor Main and Pumping Stations	5,000.00	Current Revenue - City
7.	Improve Adkin Branch and its Tributaries from Washington Avenue to Highland Avenue	26,100.00	Current Revenue - City
8.	Construct "White-Way" Lighting System in the Central Business District	60,000.00	Current Revenue - City
9.	Purchase 22 Acres for Site of Community Park Addition to Proposed White Senior High School	65,000.00	Current Revenue - City
10.	Construct Central Fire Station on New Municipal Building Site	150,000.00	Current Revenue - City
11.	Purchase and Develop Two Tot Lots or Local Parks	10,000.00	Current Revenue - City

1963

	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
1.	Purchase Elementary School Site in Central Northwest	$ 54,000.00	Current Revenue - County
2.	Extend 12" Water Main from Lovit Hines Playground South to Oak Street, West to Queen Street and North to Shine Street	50,400.00	Current Revenue - City
3.	Pipe Perry Ditch to Catfish Branch	72,964.00	Current Revenue - City
4.	Develop Playground in New-Growth Area in Northwest	155,500.00	Recreation Bonds
5.	Separate Dual Sewerage System in Outfall No. Three	30,000.00	Current Revenue - City
6.	Extend 18" Sanitary Sewer from Northern City Limits along Adkin Branch to Heritage Street	17,000.00	City's Share from Current Revenue
7.	Extend 12" Water Main along Center Boulevard from Well to Heritage Street	16,000.00	City's Share from Current Revenue
8.	Improve Adkin Branch and Tributaries from Highland Avenue to Heritage Street	31,200.00	Current Revenue - City
9.	Purchase Playground Site in Carver Courts Area	25,000.00	Current Revenue - City
10.	Purchase Additional Bookmobile	11,286.00	Current Revenue - 1/2 City - 1/2 County
11.	Purchase and Develop Two Tot Lots or Local Parks	10,000.00	Current Revenue - City

1964

	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
1.	Purchase Elementary School Site in Lincoln City Area	$ 25,000.00	Current Revenue - County
2.	Develop Playground Site in Carver Courts Area	155,000.00	Recreation Bonds
3.	Construct Sewage Treatment Plant	1,500,000.00	City's Share from Current Revenue and Sanitary Sewerage System Bonds
4.	Construct Sewage Outfall Interceptor Main and Pumping Stations	900,000.00	City's Share from Current Revenue and Sanitary Sewerage System Bonds
5.	Extend 18" Sanitary Sewer along Adkin Branch from Heritage Street to Half the Distance between Heritage Street and the Head of the Branch	20,000.00	City's Share from Current Revenue
6.	Pipe Catfish Branch from Perry Ditch to a Point South of Atlantic Avenue	105,000.00	Current Revenue - City
7.	Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park	6,000.00	Current Revenue - City

1965

1.	Purchase Playground Site in Greenmead - Lawrence Heights Area	45,000.00	Current Revenue - City
2.	Relocate Heritage Street Fire Station	30,000.00	Current Revenue - City

1965 CONT.

	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
3.	Extend 18" Sanitary Sewer along Adkin Branch from a Point Northwest of Heritage Street to the Vicinity of the Head of the Branch South of Jones Road	$ 20,000.00	City's Share from Current Revenue
4.	Extend 12" Water Main from Center Boulevard at Heritage Street Northwest to Jones Road	28,000.00	City's Share from Current Revenue
5.	Construct Elementary School in Central Northwest	350,000.00	Current Revenue - County
6.	Extend 12" Sanitary Sewer from Adkin Branch East to Drainage Divide between N. C. 11 and Washington Avenue	25,650.00	City's Share from Current Revenue
7.	Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park	6,000.00	Current Revenue - City

1966

1.	Construct Elementary School in Lincoln City	250,000.00	Current Revenue - County
2.	Improve Adkin Branch from Heritage Street to its Source	32,000.00	Current Revenue - City
3.	Purchase Additional Sanitary Landfill Area Adjacent to Present Site	15,000.00	Current Revenue - City
4.	Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park	6,000.00	Current Revenue - City

1967

	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
1.	Construct Main Branch Library on Present Site	$250,000.00	Current Revenue - 1/2 City - 1/2 County
2.	Purchase Site for Relocation of Lovit Hines Playground	30,000.00	Current Revenue - City
3.	Purchase Glen Raven Mills Playground Site	15,000.00	Current Revenue - City
4.	Extend 12" Water Main North on Heritage Street from Center Boulevard to Airport Road	14,000.00	City's Share from Current Revenue
5.	Develop Playground in Greenmead - Lawrence Heights Area	105,500.00	Recreation Bonds
6.	Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park	6,000.00	Current Revenue - City

1968

1. Purchase Elementary School Site in Westhaven Vicinity
2. Purchase Playground Site in Central North Section of Planning Area
3. Develop Playground in Glen Raven Mills Area
4. Relocate Public Works Department and Central Garage on Present Sanitary Landfill Site

1968 CONT.

Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
5. Extend 12" Sanitary Sewer from a Point on the Adkin Branch Main Northwest of Heritage Street Northeastward Across Airport Road		
6. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood		

1969

1. Purchase Playground Site in Northview Area
2. Extend 8" Water Main North on Queen Street from City Limits to Cunningham Road
3. Relocate Lovit Hines Playground
4. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood

1970

1. Lease or Purchase CBD Branch Library Building
2. Purchase Site for Relocation of Lewis Elementary School

1970 CONT.

Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
3. Extend 8" Water Main from its Eastern Terminus on Cunningham Road Eastward to ACL Railroad		
4. Extend 8" Water Main from its Western Terminus on Cunningham Road Westward to U. S. 91		
5. Develop Playground in Central North Section of Planning Area		
6. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood		

1971

1. Purchase Recreation Center Site in Northwest
2. Extend 12" Sanitary Sewer from Adkin Branch Main East of and Parallel to the ACL Railroad Eastward to the Drainage Divide
3. Purchase Site for Well and 500,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank in Northwest
4. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood

1972

Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
1. Construct Well and Water Storage Tank in Northwest		
2. Construct Elementary School in Westhaven Vicinity		
3. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood		

1973

1. Purchase Recreation Center Site in Northeast		
2. Extend 12" Water Main from Northwest Well Southward on Airport Road to Heritage Street		
3. Extend 10" Water Main from Northwest Well to U. S. 91 at Cunningham Road		
4. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood		

1974

1. Construct Recreation Center in Northwest		
2. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood		

1975

Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
1. Purchase Site for Well and 500,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank in Northeast		
2. Purchase and Develop Two Tot Lots or Local Parks in a Residential Neighborhood		

1976

1. Construct Heritage Street Senior High School		
2. Develop Community Park Adjacent to Senior High School		
3. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood		

1977

1. Purchase Site for CBD Park		
2. Construct Well and Water Storage Tank in Northeast		
3. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood		

1978

Improvement	Estimated Cost	Financing
1. Extend 10" Water Main from Northeast Well West on Cunningham Road to ACL Railroad		
2. Extend 12" Water Main from Northeast Well South on N. C. 11 to Northview Vicinity		
3. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood		
4. Develop CBD Park		

1979

1. Develop Playground in Northview Vicinity
2. Purchase Natural Park (100 Acres) Site
3. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood

1980

1. Develop Natural Park
2. Construct Recreation Center in Northeast
3. Purchase and Develop a Tot Lot or Local Park in a Residential Neighborhood

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